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Title: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD OF
MANUFACTURING THE SAME

The prior application is assigned of record to Semiconductor Energy Laboratory Co.,
Ltd., a Japanese corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and
Trademark Office and recorded in the parent application on July 9, 1997 at Reel
8644, and Frame 0331.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date
under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

| | <u>Pages</u> |
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| Specification | 43 |
| Claims | 7 |
| Abstract | 1 |
| Declaration | 2 |
| Drawing(s) | 16 |

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- Forms PTO-1449 and PTO-892, 4 pages, listing documents cited in the parent application(s). Please confirm that these have been considered in this application by returning a copy of the forms with the examiner's initials.
- Rule 63 declaration, copy from a previous application under rule 63(d) for continuation or divisional only.
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This application is a continuation (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 09/272,701, filed March 18, 1999, which is a continuation of U.S. application serial no. 08/890,591, filed July 8, 1997. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

Preliminary Amendment:

Page 1 of the specification, before line 1, insert --This application is a continuation (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 09/272,701, filed March 18, 1999, which is a continuation of U.S. application serial no. 08/890,591, filed July 8, 1997.--

Page 9, line 13 of the specification; please delete "resistor" and substitute therefor --register--.

Page 30, lines 4, 5, 7, and 11 of the specification; please delete "resistor" and substitute therefor --register--.

Priority is claimed under 35 USC §119 based on priority application serial number 8-201294, filed July 11, 1996, in Japan.

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